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SUBJECT: ALLENDE MAKES EMOTIONAL APPEAL FOR DIALOGUE

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1. SUMMARY. IN EMOTIONAL TWO-HOUR ADDRESS TO CUT LEADERS, PRES ALLENDE PROFFERED OLIVE BRANCH TO PDC, SLAMMED HARD AT EXTREME RIGHT AND, MORE SIGNIFICANTLY, EXTREME LEFT "ULTRA-REVOLUTIONARIES," AND SPOKE TO THE CONCERNS OF THE ARMED FORCES. PRESIDENT DID NOT RPT NOT ANNOUNCE CABINET RESTRUCTURE AND SAID RECENT RUMORS OF CABINET CHANGES TO INCLUDE MILITARY WERE NOT ONLY WRONG BUT POLITICALLY INSPIRED. END SUMMMARY.

2. PRES ALLENDE ADDRESSED MEETING CUT PROVINCIAL LEADERS FOR ALMOST TOW HOURS AFTERNOON JULY 25. SPEECH HIGHLIGHTED BY OPEN APPEAL TO PDC TO "SEARCH FOR A POLITICAL EXIT" TO CURRENT CRISIS AND TO AVOID CIVIL WAR THROUGH DEALOGUE. ALLENDE REFERRED TO CONVERSATIONS WITH PDC IN TENSE DAYS OF 1970 AS PRECEDENT FOR SUCH A DIALOGUE. HE SPECIFICALLY QUOTED PDC SEN FUENTEALBA TO CONFIDENTIAL

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EFFECT THAT IT INCUMBENT UPON OPPOSING FORCES TO "SEEK OUT SIMILARITIES" (COINCIDENCIAS) IN THEIR PROGRAMS.

3. PRESIDENT EMPHASIZED THAT DIALOGUE WOULD NOT SIGNIFY WITHDRAWAL

FROM UP PRINCIPLES OR PROGRAMS. HE THEN WENT ON TO OUTLINE WHAT HE BELIEVED TO BE MAJOR ISSUES DIALOGUE WOULD CONCERN, AND IN DOING SO IMPLICITLY RESPONDED TO PRECONDITIONS SET FORTH BY SEN AYLWIN (REF B), THAT IS RETURN OF FACTORIES TAKEN JUNE 29, DISARMING OF WORKERS, AND PROMULGATION OF THREE AREAS BILL. PRESIDENT STATED DEFINITION OF THE AREAS OF OWNERSHIP WITHIN THE ECONOMY MUST BE REACHED. HE STATED THAT OF 25 TO 30,000 INDUSTRIES AND PROPERTIES TAKEN ON JUNE 29 VIRTUALLY ALL RETURNED AND ONLY THE FATE OF LESS THAN 20 REMAINED TO BE DECIDED. SPECIAL COMMISSIONS WITH WORKER PARTICIPATION (AND IN CASE OF FOREIGN-OWNED PLANTS WITH MINFONRELS REPRESENTATION) WERE SERIOUSLY STUDYING REMAINING CASES. ALLENDE EMPHASIZED HIS GOVT NOT SOCIALISTIC BUT RATHER ONE OF "TRANSITION TO SOCIALISM," A STAGE WHICH NECESSITATES CONTINUED FUNCTIONING PRIVATE ENTERPRISE. HE REFERRED TO PS DOCUMENT PUBLISHED IN YESTERDAY'S MERCURIO WHICH CALLED FOR NATIONALIZATION OF ALL OCCUPIED FACTORIES (REF A) AS "FALSE" AND NOT REPRESENTATIVE OF PS THOUGHT WHICH, AFTER ALL, A UP MEMBER. PRESIDENT ADDRESSED OTHER AYLWIN, AND OBVIOUSLY ARMED FORCES', CONCERN, THAT OF ARMED WORKERS, BY STATING THAT NO "ARMY OF THE PEOPLE" EXISTS OR HAS EVER BEEN CALLED FOR BY RESPONSIBLE UP LEADERS. "WHILE I AM PRESIDENT," HE ADDED, "THERE WILL NOT BE PARALLED ARMED FORCES IN CHILE." OTHER TOPICS TO BE DISCUSSED, AID THE PRES, WILL BE DEFINITION OF THE POWERS OF THE BRANCHES OF THE GOVT, AN END TO THE "LEGISLATIVE BLOCKADE," "THE STATE OF LAW," WORKERS PARTICIPATION IN INDUSTRY, AND THE NATION'S ECONOMIC SITUATION IN GENERAL, AND INFLATION, SPECIFICALLY.

4. PRES LUMPED ULTRARIGHT AND ULTRAREVOLUTIONARIES IN SAME BAG AS "OPPONENTS OF THE GOVT" INTENT ON DESTROYING CHANCES FOR PEACEFUL SOLUTION TO PROBLEMS VIA DIALOGUE. HIS ATTACKS ON PATRIA Y LIBERTAD, AND ON RIGHT IN GENERAL, WERE WARMED-OVER VERSIONS OF PREVIOUS UP RHETORIC. HE CHARGED RIGH WITH CREATING CLIMATE OF VIOLENCE WHICH ENCOURAGED JUNE 29 COUP ATTEMPT. HE REFERRED TO OTHER ACTS OF SEDITION AND SABOTAGE AND SPECIFICALLY MENTIONED UNSUCCESSFUL ATTEMPT JULY 24 TO BLOW UP CHANNEL 9 THRANSMITTAL ANTENNA. PRES STTED AS FACT THAT TRASPORT STRIKE HAS ALREADY BEGUN, THAT STRIKERS ARE READY "TO BLOW UP BRIDGES" AND DESTROY CONFIDENTIAL

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NON-COOPERATING TRUCKS, AND TIED THIS INTO GENERAL RIGHTIEST SEDITION PLANS. HE SAID "WE ARE NOT GOING TO TOLERATE" ANOTHER OCTOBER SHUTDOWN AND AFFIRMED THAT GOVT PREPARED TO CRUSH STRIKING TRUCK OWNERS.

5. PRESIDENT'S HEATED ATTACK ON "ULTRAREVOLUTIONARIES" RECEIVED THE MOST SUSTAINED APPLAUSE FROM HIS LABOR LEADER AUDIENCE. ALLENDE FIRST REPEATED NOW STANDARD CUT LINE THAT "PEOPLE'S POWER" ORGANIZATIONS SUCH AS THE ORGANIZED SANTIAGO INDUSTRIAL BELTS (CORDONES) CANNOT EXIST AS PARALLEL OR ANTAGONISTIC ENTITIES TO THOSE OF THE UP AND THE CUT. HE THEN CRITICIZED THE ULTRAS FOR MISLEADING INNOCENT, HONEST WORKERS INTO FOOLISH, PROVOCATIVE OR UNNECESSARY ACTS WHICH PLAY INTO HAND OF THOSE PROMOTING CIVIL WAR. PRES

SPECIFICALLY UPSET BY THE BLOCKING OF ROAD TO PUDAHUEL AIR-PORT YESTERDAY WHICH CAUSED GREAT INCONVENIENCE TO A NUMBER SOCIALIST BLOC DIPLOMATS TRAVELLING TO AIRPORT TO BID FAREWELL TO DEPARTING EAST GERMAN AMBASSADOR. PRES ACCUSED ULTRALEFT (WITHOUT EVER MENTIONING MIR BY NAME) AS BEING A TOOL OF THE RIGHT AND OF RECEIVING SUPPORT AND FINANCING FROM THAT SEDITIOUS SECTOR.

6. IN DISCUSSION OF CLIMATE OF VIOLENCE PRES ALLUDED TO MIDMORN-ING EXPLOSION TODAY IN DOWNTOWN OFFICE BUILDING, WHICH PARTIALLY DESTROYED COMMERCIAL SECTION OF CZECH EMBASSY AND OFFICES OF RADICAL SENATOR HUGO MIRANDA. ALLENDE HYPOTHEZIZED ALOUD THAT BOMB REALLY INTENDED FOR OFFICES OF PDC SENATORS TWO FLOORS BELOW AND WERE PLACED BY EXTREMISTS TO FURTHER IMPEDE CHANCE OF DIALOGUE. CONTEXT OF REMARKS NOT CLEAR ENOUGH TO DETERMINE WHETHER ALLENDE REFERRING TO EXTREMISTS OF THE RIGHT OR THE LEFT.

7. LARGE PAORTION OF SPEECH SPECIFICALLY ADDRESSED TO ISSUES OF CONCERN TO ARMED FORCES. ALLENDE ONCE AGAIN LAUDED MILITARY'S ACTION ON JUNE 29 AND PRAISED CONTINUED DEVOTION OF MILITARY TO CONSTITUTION, BUT SUGGESTED THAT GOVT'S FOES INTENT ON USING MILITARY FOR OWN ENDS BY CIRCULATING FALSE RUMORS. HE SPECIFICALLY ALLUDED TO REPORT IN TODAY'S TRIBUNA THAT HE HAD ASKED FOR FACH CINC RUIZ' RESIGNATION. HE DENIED VERACITY OF THIS AND STATED THAT HIS RESPECT FOR THE ARMED SERVICES SUCH THAT IF HE WERE TO USE HIA PRESIDENTIAL POWERS TO REMOVE A CINC, THAT COMMANDER WOULD BE THE FIRST TO KNOW AND WOULDN'T HAVE TO READ IT IN THE NEWSPAPER. ALLENDE DENIED TRUTHFULNESS OF OPPOSITION PRESS CONTENTIONS THAT CONFIDENTIAL

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MILITARY WOULD BE ENTERING CABINET IN FORCE. HE STATED "I KNOW WHERE THESE RUMORS ARE COMING FROM AND WHAT THEIR INTENT IS," ADVISED

ARMED FORCES OFFICIALS NOT TO BE MISLED BY SUCH MIS-INFORMATION. PRESIDENT'S FORMULATION OF WHAT CIVIL WAR WOULD MEAN TO CHILE'S DEFENSE POSTURE OBVIOUSLY DIRECTED AT ARMED FORCES CONCERN. "CIVIL WAR," HE STATED "IS A NEGATION OF NATIONAL SECURITY" AND HE OMINOUSLY MENTIONED FORCES OUTSIDE OF BORDERS ANXIOUS TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF INTERNAL PROBLEMS.

8. ON ECONOMIC SIDE PRES REAFFIRMED THRUST OF PRELIMINARY SPEECH OF CUT PRES FIGUEROA, IN WHICH HE HAD CALLED FOR IN-CREASED PRODUCTION. ALLENDE POINTED TO GREAT SACRIFICES MADE BY OTHER SOCIALIST NATIONS --RUSSIA, CHINA, CUBA -- AND STATED THAT AS YET CHILE HAD SACRIFICED VERY LITTLE ON ROAD TO SOCIALISM. HE STATED THAT 1973 EMERGENCY PLAN PRELUDE TO 1974 ECONOMIC POLICIES. PRES TOLD WORKERS TO EXPECT SALARY READJUSTMENTS LESS THAN 100 PERCENT OF COST-OF-LIVING RISE AND TO BE OTHERWISE WILLING TO UP PRODUCTION AND TIGHTEN BELTS FOR REVOLUTIONARY PROCESS, PROMISING THAT EVERYONE WOULD BE INVOLVED IN BELT-TIGHTENING.

9. LAST MINUTES OF PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS DEVOTED TO EMOTIONAL APPEAL

FOR SUPPORT. HE SAID HE COULD LEAVE PRESIDENCY NOW BUT WOULD NOT DO SO AND WOULD "CONTINUE FIGHTING." PRESIDENT APPARENTLY CHOKED UP WITH EMOTION AND HIS VOICE BROKE AS HE ASKED AUDIENCE TO BELIEVE THAT HE WOULD NEVER BETRAY THE REVOLUTIONARY CAUSE AND THAT HIS PATRIOTISM AND DEDICATION TO THE PRINCIPLES OF SOCIALISM COULD NOT BE QUESTIONED.

10. COMMENT: IN HIS SPEECH, ALLENDE GAVE NO INDICATION THAT MILITARY ENTRY INTO THE GOVERNMENT IS IMMINENT. THERE CAN BE NO QUESTION THAT THERE ARE STRONG CLEAVAGES WITHIN THE UP. IT IS HARD TO SEE HOW THE PRESIDENT'S SPEECH WILL NOT BE INTERPRETED BY SOME, ESPECIALLY IN THE PS, AS A DENIAL OF THEIR POSITIONS.

1. PRESIDENT'S SPEECH HAD BEEN EXPECTED BY THE PDC WHICH HAS ALREADY, ACCORDING TO ONE HIGH LEVEL SOURCE, DECIDED TO SAY "YES, BUT," THE "BUT" BEING THEIR PRECONDITION THAT THE MILITARY PARTICIPATE IN THE DIALOGUE. ONCE AGAIN THE ONUS OF DECISION-MAKING MAY FALL BACK UPON THE MILITARY MEN. ADDING TO THE MIX IS LEON VILARIN'S TRUCK OWNERS' STRIKE, WHICH HAS REPORTEDLY CONFIDENTIAL

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ALREADY PARTIALLY BEGUN AND IS SET TO GO FULL BLAST AT ZERO HOURS ON THURSDAY, DESPITE PDC BLANDISHMENTS AND MININT BRIONES' GOOD-WILL.

12. PRESIDENT'S DENIAL OF HIS RESIGNATION REQUEST TO RUIZ IS INTERESTING, PARTICULARLY IN LIGHT DAO REPORT DTG 202149Z AND DTG 242220Z.
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